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Attention!!

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PEPT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATIVE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEI

To whom it may Concern: Or Mr. Paul E. Davis,

In respect to the matter case number WPC08-0081 (i.e. Tommy Brown & Carlton Bryce vs. Division of Water Pollution Control) I am the property owner and I hereby request a "review" of this ORDER and ASSESSMENT as is provided via T.C.A. 69-3-109 and 69-3-115.

If the matter can only be resolved by having a personal appearance before the Water Quality Control Board then I further request a date specific appointment when I could amply argue for the reversal of my culpability and the fees resulting from that assessment.

I offer the following reasons why the order and assessment and the civil penalty arising from it should not apply to me the property owner.

1) The language of the lease contract signed by Mr. Tommy Brown was quite deliberate in stating in;

Paragraph 7 "Access to the property is restricted to the lessee and his agent(s) for the sole purpose of animal husbandry/ cattle rearing and should be done in full compliance with the standard and customary practices for such."

Paragraph 8 "No illegal activity is allowed."

Paragraph 9 "The violation of any environmental laws is specifically forbidden. This includes chemical dumping and over-grazing that could leave the land susceptible to land slides or excessive erosion."

Paragraph 13 "Lessee agrees to assume all liability costs incurred while he is in possession of the property and thereby indemnify lessor from any and all liability claims that may arise during the lease term. Furthermore this immunity from such liability costs shall survive beyond the term of the lease."

- 2) I live in Georgia and have not visited the farm since it was leased. As such I was not privy to the nature of the operation and could not exercise due diligence to assure compliance with the water pollution standards. In truth I am not sufficiently knowledgably of the water pollution control / EPA laws that governs farming operations and may not have been able to recognize that a violation of the laws were taking place had I gone to the farm. While I am fully aware that ignorance of a law affords a poor defense for its violation fairness demands that one must first be aware of a problem before one could reasonably be expected to act to avoid or correct a problem that is happening.
- 3) I believe that if I had been provided with information that a violation of environmental standard was occurring on the property in the form of a warning or notice, and if I were given reasonably sufficient time to correct the violation and failed to do so, then a plausible case for culpability could have been made. Since no notification was given before the assessment and since I was completely unaware that a problem existed before I received your order and assessment, I believe a fundamental rule of fairness was absent from this assessment.

I am prepared to cooperate with your agency and the extension office handling the field work to correct the problem. To the extent I can achieve full compliance and preserve the livelihood of Mr. Nathan Brown I will try to do so. However, I recognize the primacy of the Water Pollution Control laws as a tool to preserve a healthy environment and I will gladly do my part to achieve the intent of the law. In the meantime I request reversal of the assessment that holds me liable along with the fees that you have assessed. Kindly note that I am also prepared to provide any supporting documentation (i.e. the lease contract) if you deem it necessary.

Respectfully

Carlton Bryce

Respondent / property owner

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